

# CALL OF THE MOUNTAINS HEARD BY NEW YORKERS

Many Delightful Places for Summer Rest and Recreation Lie Just Beyond the City's Gates

The annual exodus of the residents of cities into the country is really a necessity. It has been demonstrated that to retain one's health one must spend a portion of the heated summer period in the mountains or by the sea. To those who breathe for months the city air a sojourn amid the windward, sun-kissed mountains with their dry, cool, bracing air, acts as a great tonic and permits the storing up of vitality for another year's daily grind of business and household cares.

Year after year a larger number of residents of Greater New York realize and appreciate the great sanitation which nature has placed about their door. Within the limits of a short railroad ride from New York city lies that great elevated region, including Sullivan, Orange, Ulster and Dutchess counties, "The Playground of the Empire State," whose broad plateaus stretch from the eastern slope of the Shawangunk Mountains to the western descent of the Blue Hills. It is a region of pure air and pure water, and with an average elevation of some 1,500 feet above sea level, and through almost an exact center of the steel double-tracked highway of the New York, Ontario and Western Railway. There is in all this territory no swamp nor marsh. It is dotted with impenetrable clear, cold spring lakes and griddoned with streams both large and small. In this great natural health resort may be delightfully passed the "idle day," and in the long list of hotels, farms and boarding houses throughout this beautiful summer resort section may be found conditions to suit all tastes and prices to suit all pocket-books.

In the popular summer resorts in the mountains of Sullivan, Ulster, Orange and Dutchess counties there is plenty to do. It is part of the business of your entertainers to see that the young people get together for a good time. Dancing, straw rides, boating, bathing, tennis, and fishing make a vacation spent in "The Playground of the Empire State" a continuous round of wholesome, healthful, enjoyable sport and fun.

To the sportsman this region is of intense and unusual interest. In their season quail, partridge, woodcock, snipe, duck, geese, bear, deer and the smaller four-footed game can be found. The trout fishing is unexcelled and the famous streams of Sullivan county are the yearly rendezvous of legions of the devotees of the gentle art of trout fishing. The region is thoroughly griddoned with streams that have from time unrecorded been the natural home of the trout. The Neversink, the upper and lower Monticello, the Willowemoc and their sixty tributaries seam the mountains and valleys with a trouting area of over 1,300 square miles.

On the line from Westchester to Middletown the New York, Ontario and Western express trains run to Poughkeepsie, Oriskany, Middletown, Brookville, Little Britain, Rock Tavern, Burnside and Campbell Hall, all in Orange county, New York, and on this division are charming summer resorts where dull care may be driven away by the joys and sports of outdoor life.

Connections are made with the Walkill Valley Railroad, which runs through lovely Orange and Ulster counties, past Walden, Walkill, Gardiner, Springtown, New Paltz and to beautiful, ever-alluring Lake Mohonk, one of the loveliest bodies of fresh water in the East.

Through Orange and Ulster counties on the main line there are places innumerable where summer boarders are made welcome, and Stony Ford, Crystal Run, Mechanicstown and Middletown, all places to delight the summer tourist, while round about are farm boarding houses where the return to health can be obtained.

Among the other attractive summer resorts in Sullivan county are Bloomingburg, High View, Walker Valley, Burlington and the picturesque old Bantam. These resorts are in the Shawangunk Mountain range and are noted for their delightful climate and superb scenery. Rock Hill and Summitville, in the Ulster and Dutchess counties, are another beautiful spot at which to while away the summer hours, while the farm and boarding houses scattered about this lovely region are of the best. Cragsmoor, Ulster Heights, Greenfield, Napamook, Lackawack and Wawarsing are favorite Ulster county resorts, while Lake Minerva, located on the summit of the Shawangunk Mountains, is of great beauty.

The Port Jervis, Monticello and Kingston division of the Ontario and Western penetrates the beautiful Neversink Valley, and from attractive Monticello to Wurtsboro, in the Mamakating Valley, there is no finer country for the summer tourist.

The same statement holds true of the Delaware Mountain region, where picturesque scenery combines with excellent accommodations to render it a summer



STEAMSHIP SMOKE ROOMS.

SEASONED sea travellers like to remember the comfortable smoke rooms aboard the White Star liners, such as the Majestic, Oceanic, Cedric, Celtic, Baltic and



The Glen at Beaverskill, N. Y.

that is a mistake. The more a man sits on a public park bench the more he feels that he is entitled to sit there. Recently a study of the Bryant Park sitters was made. It extended over three days and included conversations with some of the sitters.

It appears that when a sitters picks out a seat at the opening of the park sitting season he gives the matter much thought and selects a spot most in accord with his idea of comfort. A sunny spot is not objectionable to some. They are the baskers. Others prefer permanent shade and choose with that end in view. They are the mushroomers.

After a seat is picked the picker confidently expects to occupy it every day. His head is braced for it in the morning and when he starts on his scout for food he often deliberately tips the bench backward to convey the idea that it is out of order. If he finds his seat occupied on his return he is sullen. He will sit on the same bench, or the one nearest to it, and do everything in his power to make the occupant of the bench as uncomfortable as possible. He will open a newspaper wrapped package of unwholesome food and proceed to munch it offensively. Nine times out of ten the scheme works and he soon has the seat to himself.

The other day two seat pickers were found to have been at feud ever since the spring opening of the park. One had selected a choice spot, a nice, comfortable corner for a mushroomer. The other picker had the same bench in mind.

The first man picked his seat early in the morning and then started out for provisions. The second man arrived about 9 o'clock with his provisions already in hand. When the first man returned he made it known by force, after the manner of the benchholder, that the seat and all its appurtenances were his. The second man was reserved. But picker No. 2 would have none of it. Not that he disputed the right of a picker to hold a bench, but he took the ground that picker No. 1 was not a bona fide Manhattan picker, but somebody from out New York way.

The feud is still on. When picker No. 1 goes for food the other takes the bench and vice versa. Picker No. 1 sat on the bench the other night from sundown until sunrise. He supposed this would teach his rival the folly of continuing the fight. But picker No. 2 replenished his larder after dark and when the other returned with his provisions he found his bench taken. And it was kept for the day.

Sometimes a policeman worries the pickers a little, but as a general thing the park reservists sit out their season in accordance with priority rights.

Sam's Rock, near Ellenville, N. Y.

Adriatic. That is to say, old seagoers of the male persuasion, for, unlike the situation on the German liners, women were never invited to frequent the White Star smoke rooms.

Because of the war nearly all of these vessels have disappeared from the passenger trade, but the memories remain. There have been more elaborate and ornate smoking rooms perhaps in more modern liners, but for real comfort the White Star rooms were voted the best.

They were always in the same location on the White Star boats, on the after part of the upper deck, and generally you would find the same old stewards there, waiting to bring you a magazine, or almost anything else you happened to want. These old leather lined retreats were real havens of refuge, especially to the pipe smoking bachelor, who could always find some one with like ideas to have a yarn with.

Frequenters of the Baltic, for instance, will not forget the remarkable stained glass pictures which illuminated each side of the smoke room in lieu of windows. They represented famous ports both here and abroad. A picture of Chicago was perhaps the most notable of this collection. It showed a number of small houses on

the beach with a small sailing vessel moored nearby. But the glass pictures of British ports were probably more accurate than that of the Windy City.

Most elaborate of White Star smoke rooms was that of the Olympic, with its mahogany fittings and mother of pearl inlaid work, but on the older boats the rooms were always on the same conservative lines of fitting and decoration.

Veteran voyagers on the Lusitania and Mauretania have pleasant memories of the handsome smoke rooms on those fine steamers. These were in reality palatial lounging rooms, placed on the after part of the upper deck, were finished in dark walnut, with a brilliant color relief in the Oriental upholstery of chairs and window seats.

The big open fires burning red coal were a feature of these rooms, with enormous andirons made apparently of wrought steel. Running the whole width of the ship, there was plenty of room here apparently for the whole complement of saloon passengers. The rooms were brilliant at night, with people in evening dress, and games of billiards were sometimes played by wealthy travelers, according to reports.

A comfortable and interesting smoke room was that of the Hamburg-American liner Imperator, now possibly the retreat for German officers recovering from wounds in Hamburg. This was a comparatively small room located on the upper deck forward, just below the navigating bridge. It was the replica of a room in an old castle with arms and armor and game heads on the walls.

Much more comfortable and homelike seemed the "rauchzimmer" of the Imperator than the larger one of the Vaterland, greatest merchant liner afloat, and now rusting away in her Hoboken berth. This was forward also, just under the bridge, and from the front windows a fine view of the sea could be obtained over the ship's tail towers. Twice as big as the Imperator's smoke room, the Vaterland's seemed rather cold in light oak with no relieving features of warm decoration.

Aboard French liners the "fumoir" were of the plainest until the advent of the France, where more pretentious decorations made a gay apartment for the tobacco lovers. The same ideas on a smaller scale were carried out on the Espagne and the Lafayette.

Very popular and well patronized, in winter times, were the handsome smoke rooms of the North German Lloyd liners, particularly the double deck affair on the George Washington. Very merry parties assembled there at times, before and after dinner, but probably it is deserted now, except for grim groups of officers, wondering sorrowfully when the war will end.

MAINE SHIPYARDS BUSY.

MAINE shipyards are busier now than they have been for years. The scarcity of tonnage caused by the war has created a big demand for the excellent schooners turned out at these yards, and from Portland to Eastport the shipwrights are at work. A feature of the activity is that many of the vessels in course of construction or conversion are to be controlled by foreign owners.

It is said that for the first time American shipyards are building merchant vessels for foreign account. One notable order was that recently received by H. L. Bean of Camden, to build six large schooners, which in the aggregate will cost about \$1,000,000.

Yards at Bath, Me., which have been idle for years are being made ready to take care of sizable orders. Work has already begun at the Bath Iron Works on several \$1,000,000 tank steamers for the Standard Oil Company, and this big job has given the town the first boom it has had in many years. In its halcyon days the old town on the Kennebec turned out hundreds of wooden vessels in a year.

PUBLIC PARK RESERVISTS.

OBSERVATION of the regular users of the public park benches reveals that there is among them a feeling of priority right to certain seats in certain localities. At first glance it would seem that any man who has nothing to do but sit down on a park bench might be happy enough without being fastidious. But

## NEWS OF THE RESORTS

LAKWOOD, N. J., May 20.—May is one of the most attractive months of the year in Lakewood. Climatic conditions make it the same as June in other resorts of the North. The trees, shrubs and early flowers are in bloom and there is good boating and fishing in Lake Carasallo.

Lakewood's largest outdoor fête of the season will be given by Mrs. Arthur B. Claffin at her estate, Wyewood Hall, on the head of Lake Manetta, next Friday afternoon, provided weather conditions will permit. The affair is termed "An old English festival" and it is given for the benefit of Lakewood charities.

Outdoor activity centres to a great extent at the Country Club. The golf links are crowded each day and the New York Golf Trade Association is holding its annual tournament, which will reach its final tomorrow. Next Saturday and Sunday the Metropolitan Advertisers Association makes here for its annual golf outing. The party will make its headquarters at the Laurel House.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gould expect to pass the greater part of the summer here at Georgian Court. The private golf links are being enlarged, rooms added at the casino and general preparations for a summer of outdoor life.

John P. Rockefeller is still at his estate and will remain until hot weather begins. He makes his usual daily rounds of golf.

## ASBURY PARK.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., May 20.—The vanguard of summer visitors is expected to arrive here next week for the formal opening on Memorial Day of the big hotel.

Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo were here visitors last Friday. They were entertained at the Metropolitan Hotel while they sought a summer residence here and in nearby resorts. The McAdoos were reported several weeks ago to have rented a villa in Eliberon, near New Laws, President Wilson's new summer

paradise. Fallsburgh and Klamasha Lake, Luzon and Loch Sheldrake, Ferndale and Liberty and the country round about have a quiet and appealing beauty that never fails to attract. No quaint and more alluring village in all this Sullivan county region than Livingston Manor can be found, while beautiful Bloomsburg, with its fishing and quiet inland life, is a never failing antidote for the blues. Through the lovely valley of the Delaware and Susquehanna the same conditions obtain, and these garden spots for the tired urban dwellers can best be reached by the New York, Ontario and Western's service.

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